

HB2 LANGUAGE PROPOSED FOR THE MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Narrative in italics explains the purpose for the language.

1. *Language that creates the lump sum appropriation:*

Items designated as OCHE--Administration (01), OCHE Student Assistance (02), Improving Teacher Quality (03), Educational Outreach and Diversity (06), Workforce Development (08), Appropriation Distribution Transfers (09) [excluding Agriculture Experiment Station, Extension Service, Forest and Conservation Experiment Station, Bureau of Mines and Geology, Bureau Ground Water Program and Fire Services Training School] Guaranteed Student Loan (12), and the Board of Regents (13) are a single biennial lump-sum appropriation.

2. *Language appropriating all public funds received by MUS:*

General fund money, state and federal special revenue and proprietary fund revenue appropriated to the board of regents are included in all Montana university system programs. All other public funds received by units of the Montana university system (other than plant funds appropriated in House Bill No. 5, relating to long-range building) are appropriated to the board of regents and may be expended under the provisions of 17-7-138(2). The board of regents shall allocate the appropriations to individual university system units, as defined in 17-7-102(13), according to board policy.

3. *Language requiring MUS to provide access to MUS Banner Information System:*

The Montana university system, except the office of the commissioner of higher education and the community colleges, shall provide the office of budget and program planning and the legislative fiscal division banner access to the entire university system's banner information system, except for information pertaining to individual students or individual employees that is protected by Article II, sections 9 and 10, of the Montana constitution, 20-25-515, or the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. 1232g.

4. *Language requiring MUS to provide electronic data required for state's budgeting system:*

The Montana university system shall provide the electronic data required for entering human resource data for the current unrestricted operating funds into the Montana Budgeting and Reporting System (MBARS). The salary and benefit data provided must reflect approved board of regents operating budgets.

5. *Language containing estimated public funds that will be received by MUS educational units and agencies and deposited to the current unrestricted fund. These revenues are in addition to the state funds contained in line items in HB 2.*

Revenue anticipated to be received by the Montana university system units and colleges includes interest earnings and other revenues of \$956,891 for each year of the 2015 biennium. These amounts are appropriated for current unrestricted operating expenses as a biennial lump-sum appropriation and are in addition to the funds shown in OCHE—Appropriation Distribution Transfers.

Anticipated interest earnings and other revenue of \$8,500 each year of the 2015 biennium is appropriated to the agricultural experiment station for current unrestricted operating expenses. This amount is in addition to that shown in OCHE -- Appropriation Distribution Transfers.

Anticipated interest earnings of \$1,500 each year of the 2015 biennium is appropriated to the extension service for current unrestricted operating expenses. This amount is in addition to that shown in OCHE -- Appropriation Distribution Transfers.

Anticipated interest revenue of \$800 in each year of the 2015 biennium is appropriated to the forestry and conservation experiment station for current unrestricted operating expenses. This amount is in addition to that shown in OCHE -- Appropriation Distribution Transfers.

Anticipated sales revenue of \$40,000 each year in the 2015 biennium is appropriated to the bureau of mines and

geology for current unrestricted operating expenses. This amount is in addition to that shown in OCHE -- Appropriation Distribution Transfers.

Anticipated interest revenue of \$200 each year of the 2015 biennium is appropriated to the fire services training school for current unrestricted operating expenses. This amount is in addition to that shown in OCHE -- Appropriation Distribution Transfers.

6. *Legislative Audit Costs*

Total audit costs are estimated to be \$530,974 for the university system educational units and public service/research agencies, other than the office of the commissioner of higher education. Audit costs charged to the educational units and public service/research agencies for the 2015 biennium may not exceed \$265,487 for the University of Montana and \$265,487 for Montana State University.

7. *Language that requires the MUS units to transfer funds for bond payments relating to the state energy conservation program*

OCHE -- Appropriation Distribution Transfers includes \$1,442,114 in FY 2014 and \$1,384,114 in FY 2015 that must be transferred to the energy conservation program account and used to retire the general obligation bonds sold to fund energy improvements or repay loans received for energy improvements through the state energy conservation program. The costs of this transfer in each year of the 2015 biennium are as follows: University of Montana-Missoula, \$468,859 each year; University of Montana- Western, \$147,867 each year; University of Montana-Montana Tech, \$32,099 each year; Helena College, \$64,104 each year; Montana State University-Bozeman \$383,410 in FY 2014 and \$325,410 in FY 2015; Montana State University- Billings \$170,542 each year; Montana State University-Northern, \$85,336 each year; and Great Falls College, \$86,500 each year of the biennium.

8. *Language that requires the MUS to transfer funds to the Montana state library for the natural resource information system:*

The Montana university system shall pay \$88,506 for the 2015 biennium in current funds in support of the Montana natural resource information system (NRIS) located at the Montana state library. Quarterly payments must be made upon receipt of the bills from the state library, up to the total amount appropriated."